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Stockholme, Jan. 25.

ON Monday last the Ratifications of the Treaty of Guaranty, concluded between this King and the States-General of the *United-Provinces*, were exchanged here by the Ministers of this Crown and the Dutch Resident. The French Ambassador has had his Audience of Leave of the King, in order to his return home.

Alicant, Jan. 24. Since the taking of the *Golden Lyon* of *Argiers*, the *Adventure*, Captain *Booth* and the *Fames Gally*, Captain *Shouel*, have destroyed another *Algerine*, being a new ship of 34 Guns, called the *Flowerpot*, carrying 300 Men. The Frigats met with the said *Algerine* about twelve Leagues off of *Cape de Gatt*, and chaced her to the *Barbary* Shore, where they gained so much upon her, that she was forced to run ashore near *Masagran*, which happening in the night, the Frigats durst not bear near enough the Shore to hinder the Turks from saving themselves, which they did before Morning, none remaining on board but three Christians, an *Englishman*, a *Portuguese*, and a *Flemmin*, who it seems had concealed themselves in the hurry; as soon as it was Day light the Frigats sent their Boats on board, who set Fire to the *Algerine*, and staid by her till she was burnt to the Waters edge.

Vienna, Feb. 12. The Emperor has made choice of the Officers of the new Regiments, which we told you in our last, his Imperial Majesty had resolved to raise, and we are assured the Moneys for that Service are ready, and will in few days be distributed among the Officers that are to make the Levies, who for that purpose are come hither: when these new Forces are raised, the Emperor will have a very great Army on Foot. It is said that the Count of *Herbersteyn* is to have the Command of Colonel-General of the Croats in the Emperors Service, which are to consist in four Regiments. The Baron *de Leleincroon*, Envoye Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, has had his first Audience of the Emperor, and it is discourced that he comes to propose a Defensive Alliance, between his Imperial Majesty and the King his Master. Count *Mansfelt*, the Emperors Minister at *Paris*, having had very little success in his Negotiations at that Court, is recalled.

Berlin, Feb. 9. The Duke and Dutchess of *Hanouer*, after having been Entertained by our Elector and Electoress with great State and Magnificence, are returned home. Levies are now making in most parts of *Germany*, for the Service of the Emperor; and several other Princes of the Empire, who besides their Quota's of the Army of the Empire, seem resolved to keep smal Armies on foot, to make use thereof according to the exigency of Affairs. The Meeting at *Francfort* has not (since the Propo'als the French Ambassadors made) produced any thing of moment; nor is there much ground to expect any good effect of those Conferences; though we are told that some Princes of the Empire think it best in the present juncture of Affairs, to close with the French upon the said Proposals.

Hamburg, Feb. 17. From *Berlin* they write, that Mr. *Paley* the King of *Englands* Resident at that Court, was gone from thence for *Francfort*: And that the Sieur *d' Amerongen*, Envoye Extraordinary from the States-General of the *United Provinces*, was upon his departure for the Court of *Saxony*. From *Sweden* we have an Account, that the Ratifications of the Treaty lately concluded between that Crown and the States-General, were exchanged. And that the King of *Sweden* had recalled his Ambassador now in *France*. The Duke and Dutchess of *Hanouer* are returned to *Hanouer* very well pleased with their kind and noble Entertainment at *Berlin*; but the expectation many had, that the meeting of these two Princes would have produced some important Resolutions, with relation to the present Affairs, seems not to have been answered. The old Duke of *Courland* is Dead, and his Son succeeds him.

Cologne, Feb. 17. The Bishop of *Strasburg* parted from hence yesterday for *Bonne*, to be present at the meeting of the States of this Archbishoprick, and to propose several things to them on the part of his Electoral Highness. The Deputies of his Electoral Highness, and those of the Duke of *Juliers* have had several Meetings to adjust the Differences concerning the Limits. From *Francfort* they write, that the Circle of *Franconia* had 9000 Men ready to take the Field, in case there be occasion for it. That the Circle of the upper *Rhine* had 8000. And that the Elector of *Bauaria* had resolved to maintain 12000 on his own charge for the Service of the Empire. From *Ratisbonne* we have an account, That the Deputies of the Elector of *Brandenburg* had on the 9th Instant represented to the Electoral Colledge, That, as things now stood in the Empire, his Electoral Highness thought no opportunity of coming to a good Agreement, ought to be neglected, but ought rather to be preferred to a new, and dangerous War, and that they had proposed the following Questions. *Whether in the present posture of Affairs they could have any Assurance of recovering the Places and Countreys already possessed by* France. *Whether their hopes of recovering what is already lost, were more certain than the danger of losing more, And Lastly, whether it was not better to think of preserving what remains, then to hazard a War, and thereby the total*